



NC VOAD Quarterly Meeting. July 12, 2022, 10:00 AM Via Zoom Communications

- **Call to Order – Dr. Greg Lentz**

- **Dr. Greg Lentz –President’s Report**

Dr. Greg Lentz called the meeting to order with an introduction and provided the purpose and mission of the NC VOAD through the 4 C’s, the core principles of the NC VOAD (Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration). He also shared that his 3-year term is ending after the 4th quarter this year and encouraged members from partner organizations to consider serving on the NC VOAD Board of Directors. He informed the attendees of his desire for the 4th Quarter meeting be held in person with a virtual option and inquired with Director Ann Huffman about the availability of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church facility site in Garner as a central location for the meeting to be held. Dr. Lentz proceeded to introduce the guest speaker, Director Annette Roper Taylor, Director of Digital Equity & Literacy, a new initiative from the Governor’s Office.

- **Director Annette Roper Taylor, Director of Digital Equity & Literacy**

Dr. Taylor provided an overview of Governor Cooper’s plan to build the broadband infrastructure across the state. She also informed the attendees about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a program that provides discounts on internet services to those who qualify. This program will provide sub-grants, devices, and support to non-profits for capacity building and developing a “Digital Inclusion Plan” to support marginalized communities across the state. \$12 million dollars has been appropriated for this initiative. Director Taylor’s power point presentation is attached.

- **Committee Reports/Partners**

Dr. Lentz introduced and welcomed new NC VOAD Member Duplin Christian Outreach Ministry. Board member Robert Moore provided some background on the organization adding that the group was a fiscal sponsor for the Duplin County LTRG.

- **Jerry Pearson Treasurer’s Report**

NC-VOAD Quarterly Financial Report

For the Period 03/31/22 - 06/30/22

Community Checking

Checking Account Balance as of 03/31/22 2,148.70

Deposits

Annual Dues

APRIL. 2022 \$800.00

MAY. 2022 \$100.00

JUNE. 2022 \$200.00

Quarterly Total \$1,100.00

Transfers To/(From) Checking
Quarterly Total
Bank Adjustments
Quarterly Total \$0.00
Donation \$0.00
Total Quarterly Deposits \$1,100.00
Expenses / Checks
R. Moore Lodging NVOAD Event -\$635.00
R. Moore Registration Fee NVOAD -\$450.00
R. Whitley Registration Fee NVOAD -\$495.00
R. Moore NVOAD Travel Advance -\$300.00
R. Whitley Lodging NVOAD Event -\$494.94
R. Whitley NVOAD Travel Advance -\$300.00
Novicore Reimbursement Overpayment -\$100.00
Total Quarterly Expenditures/Transfers -\$2,774.94
Balance as of 06/30/22 \$473.76
Business Money Rate Savings
Savings Account Balance as of 03/31/22 14,002.89
Deposits \$0.00
Interest 0.23
Transfers To Checking \$0.00
Bank Service Charge \$0.00
Balance as of 06/30/22 14,003.12

- **Larry Marks – NC VOAD Webmaster** <mailto:briles.johnson@nc.gov>

- Larry reported that he is continually performing maintenance on the NC VOAD Website. He stated that he is providing upcoming events that are ongoing versus the short-term on-time events that expire relatively quickly.

- **Jay Henderson – Communications**

Jay shared the NC VOAD Communications strategy. He wants to expand the social media presence of the NC VOAD and appealed for members to call and join the communication committee. For more information email webmaster@ncvoad.org

- **Reverend Roland Whitley – NC VOAD VP/DEI Committee Chair**
- Reverend Whitley reported that he along with board members Jerry Pearson and Robert Moore attended the Pelatah Institute ENC Regional Church and Community Resiliency Collaborative on June 20, 2022, at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center. Reverend Whitley was a part of a panel with Attorney Stacey Carless, Executive Director NC Counts Coalition, Ms. Wanda Hunter, Resiliency Coordinator Blueprint NC and Moderator Councilman Christopher J. Suggs, Kinston City Council/Founder and CEO of Kinston Teens discussing the topic, Community Strategic Mapping. Reverend Whitley introduced the diverse crowd to the NC VOAD and explained the 4 C's. Reverend Whitley invited the group to the table set-up to get brochures and other items he and the team had provided.
- Reverend Whitley shared with the group of the next opportunity to build the NC VOAD brand in line with the Communication Committee report was at the Duplin LTRG Hurricane Preparedness Expo scheduled for August 13, 2022, from 10 AM until 2:00 PM, at 513 SE Railroad Street in Wallace. He asked for NC VOAD Partners to Volunteer to man a table for an hour shift and provided his information as a contact.

- **Luz Sanabria-Reyes- Disaster Services Manager, VolunteerNC**
 Reported that VolunteerNC continue to work with NCVOAD for the NeedsList platform. Currently, they are working with the NCVOAD Board in the efforts of securing funding for sustainability of the platform. If you have any questions or suggestions as to possible funders or grant opportunities, please reach out to luz.sanabria-reyes@nc.gov.
 She also encouraged organizations to register to begin exchanging goods and services at <https://volunteernc.app.needslist.co/login>
 VolunteerNC continues the nonprofit lunch and learn series, you should be getting email notifications, but if not, please see the below link.
 Lunch and learn Registration Link
https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItcemhrTwiGHQpYVIJ-3X_RyAMdCj9o9k
- **Laura Block: Volunteer Committee**
 The Volunteer Management Committee is recruiting new members in order to have a larger and more diverse group to collaborate on sharing and solving some of the challenges of volunteer management, such as disaster billeting. We meet the third Thursday of each month on Webex at 10 AM, our next meeting is July 21. If you are interested, please e-mail the committee chair at laura.block@teamrubiconusa.org.
- **Donations – Dr. Lentz**
 Seeking a warehouse in Eastern North Carolina to house Hurricane Disaster Recovery goods. Encouraged the attendees to register and utilize “Needslist”. Next committee meeting is July 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM via Zoom..
- **Ann Huffman - NC VOAD Emotional & Spiritual Care**

 - The July Meeting of NC VOAD's ESC/Wellness/Child Wellbeing Committee Zoom Call was cancelled, and meetings will resume on August 12 at 9:00 AM
 - The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services has posted 6 new funding opportunities as Requests for Applications at the link below.
 - <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services-grant->
 - The NC VOAD Disaster Case Management Committee Meeting was held on July 7, 2021, at 1:30 PM
 NC VOAD/NCCARE360 Working Group is working on building a platform for Disaster preparedness in schools
 Time/Date of next meeting: July 21, 2022, at 1:30pm
- **Brenda Morris- NCEM**

 - We are hosting a visit from FEMA Region 4 Program Manager Pam Ross and Voluntary Agency Supervisor Eric Nankervis August 2 through August 5.
 - We are conducting Disaster Housing Forum August 4, 9am-4pm at NCEM Situation room. Attendance can be in person by virtual. Hope you received the information and flyer via email. If you did not, please reach out to Yevon.adams2@ncdps.gov.

- Our team has attended 8 community expos sharing information on the Individual Assistance program.
- Phil Triplett attending Voluntary Agency training at FEMA training center.
This training, we hope will assist in stronger collaboration with all agencies.
- **Ilham Thurston: Lutheran Services Carolinas NC/SC Disaster Assistant Director**

Lutheran Services Carolinas is happy to announce that we have financial assistance for unmet needs for all disasters if your agency can vet and verify the cases, we will be glad to share our funding request form to issue assistance.

For more information, please reach out to ILHAM THURSTON
ithurston@lscarolinas.net

- **Eric Nankervis, FEMA Region 4 - Mass Care Update**

- As Tropical Storm Colin showed us, tropical weather can form quickly with little notice. In addition, tropical weather does not always form in the ocean. As I am typing this there is an inland storm in the southeast that storm watchers are tracking that may move to the coast and bring with it severe weather. Make sure you and your volunteers stay weather aware. Sign up for local alerts and consider downloading FEMA's recently updated app.
- The mobile app— in English and Spanish — to give users increased personalization options and help them take charge of disasters. Downloading the app now is especially important as we enter peak hurricane and wildfire seasons. Please help us socialize the app by sharing this information with your constituents. To help with this, the FEMA App webpage has links to a social media toolkit and animation describing the app. Information on the app is attached.
- It is hot outside. There is hot, and then there is hot! Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. In extreme heat your body works extra hard to maintain a normal temperature, which can lead to death. Extreme heat is responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. For more on extreme heat, how to prepare for it, and to identify the differences in heat-related illnesses, visit Extreme Heat | Ready.gov.
- Below please find additional information that may be useful to you and your organizations. Feel free to share with others and encourage others to sign up for these emails by having them contact me directly.
- Please find this week's Voluntary Agency Coordination Snapshot at the link below:

Snapshot Report #146 (July 7, 2022) - IN THIS ISSUE:

- JOIN US: VOISE Strategic Partner Call on Private-Public Partnerships
Donations: Check out the Dashboard
Partners in Action: The Well Health Initiative

Donations Updates:

- Top priority needs identified this week by non-profits and faith-based organizations include roofing and building materials, sunscreen, bug spray, baby formula, first aid kits, transportation for several donated offers, food, hygiene kits, N95 and KN95 masks and water.
- If you can assist with this need, email us at: Donations@fema.dhs.gov.

We Want to Know! Is there anything you would like to see included in future Snapshots? Drop us a line at: FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov

Adjourned

- Director Ann Huffman informed Dr. Lentz and the group that the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church facility at 700 Waterfield Ridge Pl, Garner, NC 27529 was available, and Dr. Lentz confirmed that the next NC VOAD meeting would be in-person and virtually on Zoom at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, October 11, 2022. The call ended at approximately 11:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert O. Moore, Secretary
NC VOAD
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